

back the precious word, "Prove me, and see if I will not pour you out a blessing."

Did you ever think particularly about the patience God showed with Gideon when he could not quite believe that He meant what He said about saving Israel from the hands of the Midianites? First he asked that the fleece might be wet with the dew while all around was dry. God made the dew to fall on the fleece alone. Then Gideon, with the poor weak nature of so many of us, asked again that the dew might fall on the earth all about the fleece, leaving that and that alone dry. By this he was to know of a certainty that God would fulfill his promise. Again Jehovah reached far down and placed his arms under the trembling limbs of his servant, and the fleece was dry. No word of reproach, no impatience, but a perfect willingness to be proved.

Father, now look this way. Be with us thru every night of sorrow. Strengthen us by thy might for each trial. Let thy Holy Spirit dwell richly within us. Look this way.

Moody's Mother

Religious Telescope.

The Northwestern Christian Advocate gives the following: "Mr. Edward Kimball related recently one of the most affecting episodes in Mr. Moody's life. Mr. Moody's mother for many years never sanctioned her son's choice of the pulpit as his life work. She was a member of the Unitarian church, and her conversion was accomplished thru her son. The mother never even heard her son preach until long years after he was world renowned. In 1875 he returned to Northfield to preach shortly after coming back to America from one of his great London successes. The family still lived on the old farm and drove to town to Sunday meeting just as they used to do years before. Most of the members of the family were going to drive to town that morning to hear Dwight. The mother startled the daughter by saying, 'I don't suppose there would be room in the wagon for me this morning.' No one had thought of the mother unbending and going to hear Dwight. 'Of course there'll be room, mother,' said the daughter, and the mother was taken down to church with the rest. Mr. Moody preached from the Fifty-first Psalm, and preached with a fervor that was probably mostly inspired by the presence of his mother. When those who wished prayer were asked to rise, old Mrs. Moody stood up. The son was completely overcome, and turning to B. F. Jacobs, now of Chicago, said with emotion, 'You pray, Jacobs, I can't.'"

The Saloon in the Philippines

President Schurman, chairman of the Philippine Commission, says: "I regret that the Americans allowed the saloon to get a foothold on the islands. That has hurt the Americans more than any thing else, and the spectacle of Americans drunk awakens disgust in the Filipinos. We suppressed the

cockfight there and permitted the taverns to flourish. One emphasized the Filipino frailty and the other American vice. I have never seen a Filipino drunkard." The saloon is the "dead flies" in the ointment of our American civilization. Why did the Government permit it to go to the Philippines? Simply because the voice of the saloon is tenfold more potent in American politics than the voice of the American churches. Somebody, sometime, will have to give an awful account to God for all this. Let each one honestly ask, "Lord, is it I?"

Jesus and the Children

Rev. H. R. Haweis.

There was one thing about Jesus no one could fail to notice, his great popularity with children. A certain fulness of humanity always seems to attract children. In Jesus this constituted an irresistible attraction. They ran after him, they clung to him, they shouted for him. His must have been a joyous presence. I think this power of attracting and interesting the little ones is one of the hall marks of good men. The children's unspoiled natures seem to cling to unspoiled souls, as like cleaves to like. "They brought young children to Christ." Ah! there was no need of that, for they came to him of their own accord—nor did he ever repulse them. How shall we bring the children to Christ? how shall we win them to love and follow him? The best way of bringing our children to Christ is by being Christlike ourselves. Let them see in us nothing but his kindness, wisdom, strength, tenderness, and sympathy, and they will learn to love their religion, and grow close to Jesus, as in the days when "He took them up in his arms, laid his hands upon them, and blessed them."

Sisters' Society C. E.

Report of S. S. C. E. for the Month of January

HOME MISSION	
Reported,	\$ 168 27
To treasurer of N. M. B.,	10 00
Total in fund,	\$ 158 27
FOREIGN MISSION	
Reported,	\$ 8 30
Salem, Ind., S. S. C. E.,	1 20
Vianna Detwiler on pledge,	1 00
Total,	\$ 10 50
SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS' FUND	
Reported,	\$ 22 56
Vianna Detwiler on pledge,	1 00
Total,	\$ 23 56
HOLSINGER FUND	
Reported,	\$ 14 70
Enon congregation Ia., in full on pledge,	12 00
Mrs. Roger Darling on pledge,	50
Total,	\$ 27 20
To Brother Holsinger,	10 00
Total in fund,	\$ 17 20

SWIHART FUND

Reported,	\$ 2 00
To Brother Swihart,	2 00

THEOLOGICAL FUND

Reported,	\$ 7 40
Rev. C. F. Yoder, on pledge,	1 00
Owen Switzer, "	1 00
Della M. Gaskill in full,	2 00
M. H. Gaskill, in full on pledge,	2 00
Ida Zion, "	2 00
Mrs. Dora Domer, "	2 00
Vianna Detwiler, "	1 00
Mrs. Rosa Young, "	1 00
To treasurer of Ashland University,	\$ 25 00

Overdrawn, \$ 5 60

WASHINGTON BUILDING FUND

Sergeantsville N. J., S. S. C. E.,	\$ 3 00
Total,	\$ 3 00

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The S. S. C. E. of Warsaw, is still alive and doing their best. While we are not doing any thing very praiseworthy we take comfort in the thought that we are working for Him who said, "She hath done what she could." He also said the poor ye have always with you and when you will you may do them good; and truly we find a good work in this. There has not been so great a demand for relief work this winter, as in former years on account of milder weather, yet we have one sister who did sewing for the poor, to the amount of four dollars. She herself is a poor old woman and dependent largely on her needle for support but she practices the Master's "let him that hath two coats give to him that hath none."

Our beloved national president visited our society last October and gave us some helpful suggestions which we are trying to put in practice. We held our first rally on the evening of the twenty first inst. We occupied the hour of the Endeavor Society. The hour was too short for the program which consisted of papers read by Sisters Richart, Deewester and Shroyer, in which they discussed woman as a messenger (Woman's Wages, Woman's Work and Self Denial). There was a large audience and best of all we were followed with a very able sermon by our pastor, C. F. Yoder, along the line of our work.

Please remember, brethren, that appreciation is a great incentive to efficient work.

We meet twice each month, each member pays five cents dues. We have devotion, transact business, and do with our might what our hands find to do. We are thinking of a floral exhibit and sale for next fall. If we do we must begin in the spring to raise plants and flowers. We can send to a florist and buy small chrysanthemum plants and when we are ready for our sale he will furnish us cut flowers.

I think we should make better use of the space given us in the EVANGELIST. I enjoy so much the articles given by our president and others. "It is more blessed to give than to receive," hence this effort.

Won't the sisters at Ankneytown and North